CLAIMS

- 1. Stacking column for holding warehouse items, in particular bodywork parts, on the support arms (6) of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6), which pivot around a rotational axis (13) from a resting position into a working position, wherein a plurality of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6) are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, characterized in that a supporting element (18, 18.1, 18.2) rotates with the ratchet lever (7.1-7.6), and either lies on or against a preceding ratchet lever (7.1-7.6) in the working position.
- 2. Stacking column for holding warehouse items, in particular bodywork parts, on the support arms (6) of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6), which pivot around a rotational axis (13) from a resting position into a working position, wherein a plurality of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6) are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, characterized in that a stop (10) projects up from the ratchet lever (13), lying against the rotational axis (13) of the next ratchet lever (7.1-7.6) in the working position.
- 3. Stacking column according to Claim 2, characterized in that a spacer ring (17.1, 17.2) with a selectable outer diameter is placed on the rotational axis (13) in the area of the stop (10).
- 4. Stacking column according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the ratchet lever (7.1-7.6) can be fabricated out of a sheet metal blank, from which at least one control arm (8) is folded.
- 5. Stacking column according to Claim 4, characterized in that an upwardly projecting lateral cheek (10) is bent up from the control arm (8).
- 6. Stacking column according to at least one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the supporting element (18) is integrally joined with the ratchet lever (7.1-7.5).

- 7. Stacking column according to Claim 4 or 5, characterized in that the ratchet lever (7.1-7.5) consists of a sheet metal blank, from which the supporting element (18) is folded.
- 8. Stacking column according to at least one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the supporting element (18.2) forms a foot (22), to which a lateral bolt (23) of the preceding ratchet lever (7.4) is allocated.
- 9. Stacking column according to at least one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the supporting element (18.1, 18.2) also rests on the rotational axis (13).
- 10. Stacking column according to Claim 9, characterized in that the supporting element (18.1, 18.2) is positively joined with the ratchet lever (7.1, 7.2).
- 11. Stacking column according to at least one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that a face (19, 19.1) of the supporting element (18, 18.1, 18.2) is at least partially rounded.
- 12. Stacking column according to at least one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the ratchet lever (7.1-7.5) has a guide tongue (20) for sliding on the supporting element (18).
- 13. Stacking column according to Claim 12, characterized in that the guide tongue (20) is at least partially upwardly directed, in particular curved.
- 14. Stacking column according to at least one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that a latching device (27) is allocated to the uppermost ratchet lever (7.1).
- 15. Stacking column according to Claim 14, characterized in that a slider (31) with at least one, preferably two, bolts (28, 32) or the like passes through one or two

- parallel, curved elongated holes (26.1, 26.2), wherein a bolt (32) presses against the uppermost ratchet lever (7.1) in the locked position.
- 16. Stacking column according to Claim 14 or 15, characterized in that the slider can be fixed in place by means of a tie bolt (32) in or outside the latching position.
- 17. Stacking column for holding warehouse items, in particular bodywork parts, on the support arms (6) of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6), which pivot around a rotational axis (13) from a resting position into a working position, wherein a plurality of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6) are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, characterized in that at least some ratchet levers (7.1-7.6) have allocated to them a spring (37.2-37.6), which moves the respective ratchet lever into the resting position.
- 18. Stacking column according to Claim 17, characterized in that the springs (37.2-37.6) are arranged on a spring rack (38).
- 19. Method for manufacturing a ratchet lever for use in a stacking column for holding warehouse items, in particular bodywork parts, on the support arms (6) of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6), which pivot around a rotational axis (13) from a resting position into a working position, wherein a plurality of ratchet levers (7.1-7.6) are located above one another or next to one another and co-operate with one another, characterized in that a sheet metal blank is provided with tongues (11.1, 11.2) to the respective sides of middle section (9) between the support arm (6) and a control arm (8), and the tongues are provided with a respective recess (12.1, 12.2) that extends partially into the middle section (9), wherein each tongue (11.1, 11.2) is bent in the area of the recess (12.1, 12.2).
- 20. Method according to Claim 19, characterized in that the support arm (6) and/or the control arm (8) is folded from the middle section (9).

- 21. Method according to Claim 19 or 20, characterized in that a lateral cheek (10) is folded up from the control arm (8).
- 22. Method according to one of Claims 19 to 21, characterized in that at least one tongue (11.2) has projecting from it a supporting element (18) integrally molded thereto.